

vote of 217 ayes to 193 noes with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 562.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 295, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 197 noes with 5 voting "present", Roll No. 563.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 296, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 196 noes with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 564.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 297, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 192 noes with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 565.

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Re-Referral of Senate Bill: Agreed by unanimous consent that S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, be re-referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Intelligence Authorization Conference Report: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order on Friday, October 31 or any day thereafter to consider the conference report to accompany S. 858, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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Suspensions: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to designate a time not later than November 7, 1997 for resumption of proceedings on the seven remaining motions to suspend the rules originally considered on Monday, September 29, 1997.

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Presidential Message—Nuclear Energy Agreement: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and Brazil concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-161).

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9731.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and that its international character and activities should be recognized, was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and nineteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9734-35, H9756-57, H9757-58, H9762, H9763-64, H9765, H9765-66, H9766-67, H9767, H9767-68, H9768-69, H9770-71, H9771, H9772-73, H9773-74, H9774-75, H9775-76, H9776-77, H9777-78, H9778-79, and H9779-80. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WASTE AND ABUSE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on review of the waste and abuse in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard from Craig Beachamp, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations, USDA; and Robert Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO.

FAA'S STANDARD TERMINAL AUTOMATION REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on FAA's Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; George L. Donahue, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisition and Ronald E. Morgan, Director, Air Traffic, both with the FAA; and a public witness.

GAO REPORT—FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the GAO Report on the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. McCool, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, GAO; and Mark Kinsey, Acting

Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1997.

VIDEO COMPETITION—ACCESS TO PROGRAMMING

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Video Competition: Access to Programming. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESULTS ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on the Results Act: Are We Getting Results? Testimony was heard from Representative Arney and Franklin Raines, Director, OMB.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on House Oversight: Held a hearing on Campaign Finance Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hutchinson, Allen, Doolittle, Shays, Meehan, Miller of California and Baesler.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COPYRIGHT LICENSING REGIMES—RETRANSMISSION OF BROADCAST SIGNALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing regarding copyright licensing regimes covering retransmission of broadcast signals. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES—IMPROVING AND EXPANDING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing regarding options for improving and expanding cooperation between Federal Prison Industries and the private sector. Testimony was heard from Steve Schwalb, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT—PARTNERSHIPS FOR WILDLIFE ACT—INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2556, North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 and Partnerships for Wildlife Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing to examine activities being planned by the Administration for the International Year of the Ocean. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands began markup of H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2438, to encourage establishment of appropriate trails on abandoned railroad rights-of-way, while ensuring protection of certain reversionary property rights; H.R. 1995, Point Reyes National Seashore Farmland Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryun and Woolsey; Kate Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS OF EL NINO

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Water Management Implications of the 1997/98 El Nino. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce; Elbert W. Friday, Assistant Administrator, Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, and Ants Leetmaa, Director, Climate Prediction Center, both with NOAA; Mark Schaefer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science and Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT—IMPLEMENTATION AND PROPOSALS FOR REFORM

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a joint hearing on Implementation of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and Proposals for Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Condit and Portman; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; and former Representative Robert S. Walker of Pennsylvania.

INDEMNIFICATION AND CROSSWAIVER AUTHORITY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Indemnification and Crosswaiver Authority. Testimony was heard from

June Edwards, Associate General Counsel, NASA; and public witnesses.

OIL SPILL PREVENTION MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Oil Spill Prevention Measures. Testimony was heard from Rear Adm. Robert C. North, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, business meeting, to consider the nominations of Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, and Joseph B. Dial, of Texas, to be Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings on the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following: H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act; a draft report entitled: "Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: VA, DOD Continue to Resist Strong Evidence Linking Toxic Causes to Chronic Health Effects"; and other pending Committee business, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Management Practices in State and Local Government: Lessons for the Federal Government, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to continue hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to markup the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the discrimination by the German Government against members of minority religious groups, particularly the continued and increasing discrimination by the German Government against performers, entertainers, and other artists from the United States associated with Scientology; H. Con. Res. 152, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; H. Res. 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo; H. Res. 282, congratulating the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; H. Con. Res. 172, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia; H. Res. 231, urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and H. Con. Res. 156, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.